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NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMS ME THAT AT A RECEPTION ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO KHRUSHCHEV ASKED HIM IF HE REALLY THOUGHT WEST WOULD FIGHT OVER BERLIN AND EXPRESSED HIS OWN OPINION THAT IT WAS UNTHINKABLE THEY WOULD DO SO. NORWEGIAN ENDEAVORED CONVINCE HIM TO CONTRARY POINTING TO SOLEMN COMMITMENT THAT HAD BEEN MADE AND DOUBTS AS TO ITS OWN SECURITY WHICH WOULD ARISE IN A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE NORWAY IF WEST ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE FORCED OUT OF BERLIN. AMBASSADOR'S IMPRESSION HOWEVER IS THAT KHRUSHCHEV DANGEROUSLY MISJUDGES REAL SITUATION.

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